Co-Opportunity, Inc. Hartford, CT

Project Title Hartford Asset Building Collaborative IDA Program

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AFI Grant Amount \$45,000

Nonfederal Support \$45,000

Project Period September 2005 – September 2010

Highlights Co-Opportunity, Inc. is expanding its existing AFI Project

and offering 20 new IDAs: 13 for homeownership; 2 for post-secondary education; and 5 for microenterprise. The 2 post-secondary education IDAs are intended to tap into the youth-serving focus of partner agencies in this program. The match rate is \$2 to \$1, up to \$2,000 in participant savings. Co-Opportunity, Inc. has formerly provided participant training under prior AFI Projects but is decentralizing that function to its partner agencies, which have variable levels of financial training capacity in their own agencies.

Target Population Hartford and New Britain, Connecticut.

Grantee/Collaborative Description Co-Opportunity, Inc., a nonprofit agency founded is 1987,

has extensive IDA and AFI Project experience. Co-Opportunity, Inc. will manage the project, providing technical assistance and guidance to the 4 partner agencies that will be charged with recruiting, enrolling, and training participants. These partners include housing and human services agencies. Bank of America is the financial

institution partner.